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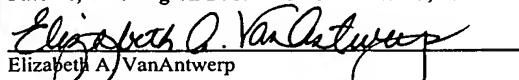
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For: LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Attached hereto as Appendix A, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(3)(ii), is a substitute specification. Attached hereto as Appendix B, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(3)(iii), is a marked-up version of the specification showing the changes being made thereto. Please replace the specification with the substitute specification in Appendix A. Applicants respectfully submit that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A lithium secondary battery comprising a positive active material including a lithium transition metal compound, said compound being represented by the formula $\text{Li}(\text{Ni}_{x_1}\text{Ti}_{x_2})_z\text{Mn}_{2-z}\text{O}_4$ wherein z is 0.01 to 0.5, $x_1 > 0$, $x_2 > 0$, $x_1+x_2=1$, and said positive active material has a spinel configuration of the cubic system.

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Please cancel claims 2-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.